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SUBJECT: MAY DAY TRAVELS OF INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS

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1. INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS THIS YEAR WILL ATTEND THE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS NOT ONLY IN MOSCOW, BUT ALSO IN PRAGUE AND SOFIA.

2. IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MOSCOW CELEBRATIONS WILL BE DRS. RADJUDDIN JUSUF, A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FBSI (ALL INDONSIA LABOR FEDERATION), DAUD BADARUDDIN, FBSI CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, AND MOHAMMED SALEH, WHO WILL FUNCTION AS DELEGATION SECRETARY.

13. IN ATTENDANCE AT THE PRAGUE CEREMOIES WILL BE D.M. SIHITE, ALSO A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FBSI AND ATTENDING THE SOFIA CEREMONIES WILL BE THAHERANSJAH KARIM, STILL ANOTHER DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FBSI.

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4. JUDGING FROM A RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE POLISH

AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA AND FBSI GENERAL CHAIRMAN AGUS
SUDONO, WARSAW MAY BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF THE MAY DAY
TRAVEL DESTINATIONS FOR INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS.

5. COMMENT: BY NOW ATTENDANCE AT THE MOSCOW MAY DAY
CEREMONIES IS OLD HAT FOR INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS. BAKIN
(STATE INTELLIGENCE BOARD) STIPULATED ONLY THAT THOSE
ATTENDING SHOULD BE RELIABLE PERSONS IN WHOM SUDONO HAS
CONFIDENCE AND THAT AS USUAL THEY SHOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING,
OTHER THAN THE WEAKEST OF PLATITUDES, AND THAT THEY
SHOULD NOT SIGN ANYTHING. THE EXTENSION OF THE VISITS
TO SOFIA AND PRAGUE IS IN LINE WITH CURRENT ATTEMPTS BY
INDONESIAN FOREIGN POLICY MAKERS TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND
THEIR CONTACTS WITH WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. IN THE CASE
OF THE DELEGATION TO MOSCOW, A BAKIN MAN IS ALWAYS INCLUDED-
IN THIS CASE IT IS SALEH. A MINOR CURIOSITY ABOUT THE
PRESENT VISITS IS THAT RADJUDDIN JUSUF, SIHITE AND KARIM
MAY BE ON THE VERGE, UNKNOWN TO THEM, OF GETTING POLITELY
KICKED OUT OF THEIR JOGS ON THE FBSI CENTRAL EXECUTIVE
BOARD BECAUSE OF GENERAL INCOMPETENCE AND INERTIA. THE
PRESENT TRIPS MAY BE A WAY OF GIVING THEM AN UNDERSERVED
FACE SAVING PAT ON THE B X. TAKEN AS A WHOLE THESE
INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS COULD HARDLY BE DESCRIBED AS
BEING A THIRD STRING TEAM LET ALONE A SECOND STRING.
HOWEVER, THEY MAY PROVIDED JUST THE RIGHT SORT OF QUALITY
FOR THE MEASURE OF GOODWILL INHERENT IN THE GESTURE.
END COMMENT.
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